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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Proposed Regulation P2015-07 Bureau of Water Quality Planning

October 14, 2015

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) is proposing to adopt a regulation (P2015-07) amending Chapter 445A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) – Standards for Water Quality. The proposed revisions to NAC 445A will update beneficial uses and numeric criteria for specific waters in the Lower Humboldt River Basin for consistency with other similar types of waters throughout Nevada. Proposed revisions include: 1) Adding Industrial Supply as a beneficial use to waters formerly categorized as Class A; 2) Adding Trout as an Aquatic Life Species of Concern to waters formerly categorized as Class A; and 3) Adding numeric criteria to select former Class Waters for the following parameters: nitrate, nitrite, total suspended solids, turbidity, color, chloride, sulfate, and alkalinity.

Workshops to discuss P2015-07 and receive comments will be held at the following locations at the date and time indicated. A workshop agenda is attached.

Monday, November 2, 2015 3:00 – 4:00 PM Bryan Building, 2nd Floor, Tahoe Room 901 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701 Tuesday, November 3, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 PM Humboldt County Library 85 E. 5th Street Winnemucca, NV 89445

Materials may be obtained at http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm#water_q, at workshops, or by contacting BWQP at (775) 687-9444. Interested parties may provide comments at the workshops or submit them to John Heggeness (iheggene@ndep.nv.gov), Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 401, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Written comments will be accepted until November 18, 2015.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meetings should notify BWQP no later than 5 days prior to the workshop(s).

This notice and agenda have been posted at the following locations: NDEP office in Carson City, State Library and Archives in Carson City, Humboldt County Library in Winnemucca, Elko County Library in Elko, and websites of NDEP, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Department of Administration, and State Environmental Commission.

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The purpose of the public workshops is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the information listed on this agenda. No action will be taken by the Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) at the public workshops on proposed permanent regulation (P2015-07). The workshops are informational only and in preparation for action that will be taken by the State Environmental Commission at a regulatory meeting scheduled for February 10, 2016. The following items may be taken out of order and/or items may be combined for consideration.

- 1) Call to order and introductions
- 2) Public comment
- 3) Presentation and discussion of proposed regulation P2015-07: BWQP will provide background on the purpose and need for the proposed revisions to Nevada Administrative Code 445A. The proposed revisions will update beneficial uses and numeric criteria for specific waters in the Lower Humboldt River Basin for consistency with other similar types of waters throughout Nevada. Proposed revisions include: 1) Adding Industrial Supply as a beneficial use to waters formerly categorized as Class A; 2) Adding Trout as an Aquatic Life Species of Concern to waters formerly categorized as Class A; and 3) Adding numeric criteria to select former Class Waters for the following parameters: nitrate, nitrite, total suspended solids, turbidity, color, chloride, sulfate, and alkalinity.
- 4) Question and answer period
- 5) Public comment
- 6) Adjournment